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SUBJECT: B. J. Warren to B. C. Bower, "Citizens' Environmental Coalition Comments on the Phase 1 Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan (CSAP) for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP)," dated May 11, 2010

REFERENCES: 1) Letter (103112), B. J. Warren to B. C. Bower, "CEC Comments on the Characterization, Sampling and Analysis Plan," dated May 11, 2010

2) Letter: (103193), B. J. Warren to B. C. Bower, "The Characterization, Sampling and Analysis Plan," dated June 15, 2010

Dear Ms. Warren:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) thanks the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC) for its review and submission of written comments on the Phase 1 CSAP for the WVDP (References 1 and 2 above).

The CSAP is prepared to support the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission review of planned Phase 1 decommissioning activities at the WVDP and is independent of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the WVDP and the Western New York Nuclear Service Center. The scope of the CSAP covers radiological environmental data collection pertinent to the design and implementation of Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan activities at the WVDP. There are four primary CSAP data collection purposes: 1) pre-design data collection, 2) remedial support, 3) post-remediation status documentation, and 4) phase 2 decision-making support. The phase 2 decision-making support would be through the potential refining of the existing fundamental site characterization information. Data may be collected to simply establish the contamination status of exposed soils when Phase 1 activities are complete and for use in determining what additional action may be required in Phase 2. As such, the CSAP is not to be considered as a Phase 1 study.

The DOE acknowledges the CEC's desire to discuss the content of the CSAP with DOE and our consultants, Argonne National Laboratories (ANL); and to date, DOE has afforded several opportunities to do so. As you are aware, at the Citizen Task Force meeting held on March 24, 2010, which you attended via telephone, ANL provided a presentation to the public on the CSAP. Additionally, representatives of DOE and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority met with you on May 4, 2010, to discuss the content of the CSAP. Lastly, the DOE has again agreed to discuss the CSAP at our Quarterly Public Meeting to be held on August 3, 2010, at the Ashford Office Complex, in Ashford, New York.



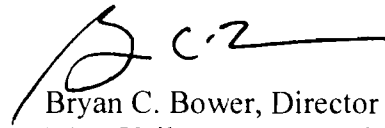
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Thank you again for your comments and your continued participation and interest in the WVDP. The DOE-WVDP will review and give careful consideration to all of the CEC's comments for integration into the next revision of the CSAP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B C Bower', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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